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IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD SETS NEXT MEETING FOR JUNE 14 IN REXBURG

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The Idaho Water Resource Board will hold its next regular meeting on June 14 (Friday) in Rexburg, the Board announced today.

At the meeting the Board will consider six requests for water project financial assistance totaling \$433,525. Board members also will review proposed rental pool procedures for Water District 1. The Board will also hear reports on strategies to improve efficiency and implementation of its comprehensive state water planning program.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. June 14 at the Manwaring Center at BYU-Idaho in Rexburg.

The Board also will meet in a work session the day before (June 13) at the Best Western Cottonwood Tree Inn, 450 W. 4 S., in Rexburg. An executive session to discuss potential litigation related to water right negotiations is scheduled for 11:15. With the exception of the executive session, both the regular meeting and the work session are open to the public.

Financial requests to be considered by the board include:

- A loan of \$255,000 to the Wilderness Ranch Homeowners Association (Boise County between Boise & Idaho City) for planning and design of a new surface water treatment plant;
- A loan of \$158,525 to the Oakley Valley Water Company (Cassia County north of Oakley) for a project to connect two water systems;
- A grant of \$7,500 to the City of Malad (Oneida County) for a municipal water study;
- A grant of \$7,110 to the City of Atomic City (Bingham County southeast of Arco) for a municipal water study; and
- A grant of \$5,400 to the Smiley Creek Water Users (Blaine County 35 miles NW of Ketchum) for a water system planning study.

The meetings will be held in facilities meeting accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need assistance to attend, participate in or understand the meetings, please contact Rita Fleck, (208) 327-7880, in advance so arrangements can be made.